

TIGER TALES NEWSLETTER

MIZZOU ALUMNI

KANSAS CITY ALUMNI CHAPTER

Social STRIPES Holiday Party Benefits Happy Bottoms

KC Tigers earn their STRIPES by volunteering for chapter-related events that benefit our community. In December, the chapter added a philanthropic element to a "Bottoms Up" holiday party by encouraging everyone who attended to donate diapers (or cash) to Happy Bottoms, Kansas City's diaper bank for families in need. We had a great crowd of over 100 at Hickock's for the annual party, and raised \$525 and a carload of diapers for Happy Bottoms. Thanks, Tigers!



KC STRIPES co-chair Ashley Hutcheson is shown with a portion of the mountain of diapers donated at the Holiday Party.



Lowenstein & Scott Honored with Faculty-Alumni Award

Each year, the Mizzou Alumni Association honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the university's missions of teaching, research, service and economic development with the prestigious Faculty-Alumni Awards, which were first presented in 1968.

Harold (Hal) Lowenstein

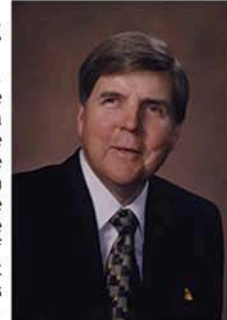
Judge Harold (Hal) Lowenstein, BS BA '61, JD '65, was one of 11 recipients honored with the 45th annual Faculty-Alumni Award. Lowenstein, who is an attorney in Armstrong Teasdale's Litigation group, previously served as a judge on the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District. He was the last appeals judge in Missouri to be appointed by Governor Kit Bond and was one of the longest serving appellate court judges in the state. Lowenstein began his legal career as a trial attorney, and later as an Assistant Attorney General in charge of Jack Danforth's Kansas City office through 1972. Years later he was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives—a position he held for nine years. In 1981, he became an appellate judge where he served for the next 28 years. He was a special trial judge on over 25 jury trials while on the appellate court.



Lowenstein serves as an adjunct professor of law at MU's School of Law, the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Washburn and Washington Universities. He received the Achievement Award from the MU School of Law in 2007 and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kansas City Metro Bar Association in 2009.

Thomas M. Scott

As president and CEO, Thomas Scott, BS BA '58, DHL '04, led Insurance Management Corporation to become a nationally respected, top-150 insurance and risk management firm. In 1995 he led the company through a merger with Arthur J. Gallagher & Company, the sixth largest insurance broker in the world. From inception to the point of the merger, Insurance Management Corporation grew from seven associates to more than 150 and never had a layoff.



Following his retirement in 1997, Scott shifted his attention to venture capital endeavors and continued and expanded his engagement in a wide range of philanthropic activities in the Midwest, including major support for several MU programs and multiple Kansas City area organizations.

In addition to his many accomplishments, Scott developed an alternative to workers compensation for independent trucking contractors, saving them each \$1,500 to \$5,000 per year. He received an Employer of the Year Award from the Disability Employment and Awareness Network in 1983. He received a Citation of Merit from the Trulaske College of Business in 2001 and an honorary doctorate from University of Missouri in 2004, and was designated a Lifetime Director of the American Royal in 2010. He is a Jefferson Club Ambassador, John W. Connaway Society Diplomat, Davenport Society Dean's Distinguished Patron, and a member of the MU Legacy Society. Scott resides in Mission Hills, KS.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1st

The Kansas City Chapter of Mizzou Alumni Association will give out \$50,000 in scholarships to incoming freshmen from the Kansas City area this year. If your son or daughter has been accepted to Mizzou, be sure to direct them to www.mizzou.com/scholarship to apply online -- but the deadline is this Friday, February 1st, so don't delay.

NUNNELLY RECOGNIZED BY JACKSON COUNTY



Jim Nunnely, BA '66, has been recognized by Jackson County, Missouri, with the establishment of the Jim Nunnely Award, which will recognize outstanding dedication and perseverance by a Jackson County Drug Court graduate. At a ceremony Jan. 11, the County Executive, Legislature, Prosecutor's Office, the 16th Judicial Circuit and the COMBAT program announced the award. Jim is the first non-attorney to be so honored. He is a past director of COMBAT, a drug intervention/prevention program that was established in Jackson County in 1989. Congratulations, Jim!

Jim Nunnely (standing) at a diversity event in Kansas City, MO. - Photo by Rob Hill.

EXECUTIVE MBA PROGRAM LAUNCHED AT MIZZOU



If you're interested in taking your Mizzou degree to the next level, the new Executive MBA program may be just what you're looking for.

The program, launched in 2012 through the Trulaske College of Business, is a 21-month, online (75%)/in-person (25%) hybrid program. It is specifically designed to be a lock-step cohort program, which means that students take the same classes together in the same order to help facilitate personal interactions. And, between the two program years, all students will complete an 8- to 10-day international residency in Santiago, Chile. In its first year, the program received more than 500 inquiries from 31 states, as far as California and Georgia. The 19 students in the class average 15 years of work experience in backgrounds such as health care, education, engineering and defense.

The program is competitively priced and includes tuition, all fees, international residency, required course materials and all group meals on campus. Many students receive support from their employers, and financial

aid is also available. David Moss is the inaugural class's only member from Kansas City. He is a 2004 graduate of Mizzou with a B.S. in Biological Sciences. He now works as an Account Executive with Grifols Bioscience, the third largest biopharmaceutical company in the world. David was recognized in 2012 as the #1 sales associate for Grifols globally with over \$25 million in sales in 2011. This year he was promoted to Field Sales Trainer and appointed to the Marketing Advisory Board where he is aiding in the re-branding of Grifols products.

David notes that the diversity in backgrounds of the students in the program is significant. He enrolled in the execMBA program to burnish his business credentials and advance in his company and believes that having professionals from different fields as classmates means there's a ready-made network of experts he can learn from.

An informational reception will be held at Jack Stack Barbecue in the Freight House on Wednesday, February 20 at 6:00 p.m. To register for this free event, [click here](#).

Round I applications for the Fall 2013 class are due March 1. For more information, visit: <http://execmba.missouri.edu>, [facebook.com/MUexecMBA](https://www.facebook.com/MUexecMBA), execmba.missouri.edu/blog, [LinkedIn.com/groups/execMBA](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/execMBA) or contact Zack Odem, Program Director at odemz@missouri.edu or Carrie Collier, Assistant Director at colliercm@missouri.edu,

IT'S TIGER BALL, Y'ALL!

2013 BLACK & GOLD TIGER BALL

GET READY FOR SOME SEC-STYLE SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY AT THE 14TH ANNUAL KANSAS CITY TIGER BALL! JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI ON FRIDAY, APRIL 12, AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL ON THE COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA. TIGER BALL IS THE PREMIER MIZZOU ALUMNI EVENT IN KANSAS CITY, BRINGING TOGETHER ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS AND ALUMNI FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY EVENING FILLED WITH PRIDE AND SUPPORT FOR OUR UNIVERSITY. TIGER BALL PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENTS FROM THE KANSAS CITY AREA AND SUPPORT THE TIGER SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN BE PART OF THE 2013 TIGER BALL:

- Be a Tiger Ball Sponsor – Sponsor a table and share the event with your friends, co-workers and customers. Your company or organization will receive special recognition as well as invitations to a private patron's party. Contact Cathy Bien at crbien@gmail.com or 816-898-9986.
- Donate items or experiences for the silent and live auction. Contact Jeff Zumsteg at jz6531@att.com or 816-806-8700.
- Attend Tiger Ball! Watch for your invitation to Tiger Ball in February and sign up on line!

AUCTION, DINNER, DANCING AND EXCITING SURPRISES... DON'T MISS THIS YEAR'S TIGER BALL ON APRIL 12!

DATE CHANGE * * * * *

Friends of Mizzou Picnic & Auction is Friday, August 2, at the Independence Events Center. This is a change from the date published in the MAA Calendar. Email Rob Harris at rob.j.harris@centurylink.com or Chris Chapman at cvchapman@aol.com

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Upcoming KC Tigers Events

Stay up to date with KC Chapter activities and Mizzou news on Facebook. Look for us at Mizzou Alumni in Kansas City or Click Here

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

STRIPES project: Food Fight 4
An Iron Chef-type competition that benefits the Children's Center for the Visually Impaired. Lots of fun volunteer jobs need to be filled for this Feb. 11 event in downtown KC. Email Ashley Hutcheson at ahutchlaw@yahoo.com

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Founders Day Celebration & Watch Party
The Brookside, hosted by the KC Chapter and the KC Tiger Club. The Tigers will be playing Kentucky (8:00 tip-off). Drink specials and free appetizers provided

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If you have any questions, or if you would like to get involved with a committee, please contact any of the leaders below via email.

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KNOW YOUR WEST DIVISION

Sources: Mark Windham, University of Tennessee - SECsportsfan.com - official university athletics websites

How well do you know our new SEC conference mates' mascots?

During the 2012 Mizzou Alumni Leaders Weekend, University of Tennessee professor and SEC historian, Mark Windham, shared a presentation on the history of the conference and the school nicknames. This edition features the teams from the WEST Division.

The **UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA** was known as "The Thin Red Line" early in the 20th century. In 1907, a sports editor at the Birmingham Age-Herald described the last game played between Alabama and Auburn, until 1948 when the series resumed, as the "Crimson Tide". Alabama held Auburn to a 6-6 tie and the Crimson Tide name stuck. The elephant mascot came about in 1930. Sports writer Everett Strupper of the Atlanta Journal wrote a story about the Mississippi-Alabama game and the powerhouse that 'Bama coach Wallace Wade had assembled. He referred to the varsity squad lineman as the "Red Elephants." The 1930 squad went 10-0 and Big Al has represented the team ever since.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS athletic teams have not always been called the Razorbacks. The mascot was a Cardinal from 1894 until 1909. After guiding his team to a 16-0 win over LSU, Coach Hugo Bezdek referred to the team as "a wild band of razorback hogs." He continued to call the team "a fighting band of Razorbacks" throughout the season. Fans and sportswriters loved it and the student body voted to change the official mascot to the Razorback in 1910. In the 1920s, the "Hog Call" was added as the school yell. The family of mascots, Big Red, Sue E and Pork Chop, represent the school and the live mascot, Tusk, makes an appearance at every home game.

AUBURN is a confusing one. The mascot is the tiger, but the fans chant "War Eagle". In one story we found, the tiger nickname purportedly came from a verse in Oliver Goldsmith's poem The Deserted Village, "where crouching tiger wait their hapless prey". The poem also notes that "Sweet Auburn is the loveliest village of the plain." In another, Aubie the Tiger began as a cartoon character in the Birmingham Post-Herald. The "War Eagle" chant dates back to the 1892 Auburn-Georgia game when, according to the most popular legend, an eagle that a spectator and veteran of the Civil War had brought into the stands, broke free and began circling the field. As the eagle soared, Auburn made its way down the field to score the winning touchdown. The fans chanted "War Eagle" to cheer on the team, and that battle cry lives on today.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY'S Mike the Tiger is so popular that he has his own website. In 1934, LSU Athletic Director trainer Chellis Mike Chambers and three other gentlemen decided that they were going to bring a real tiger to LSU. They raised \$750, collecting twenty-five cents from each student, and purchased a 200 pound, one-year old tiger from the Little Rock Zoo, and thus a tradition began. They named him Mike in honor of AD Chambers. Mike VI, the current mascot, lives in luxury in a 15,000 sq. ft. habitat between the stadium and the Pete Maravich Assembly Center. He arrives at each game, riding in a gilded cage topped by the LSU cheerleaders. The cage is parked outside the opponent's locker room, so the opposing team must walk by him before entering the field. Tradition holds that, for every growl made by Mike before the game, the Tigers will score a touchdown that night.

There are a couple of stories surrounding the official source of **MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY'S** bulldog. We do know that, on November 30, 1905, Mississippi State (then Mississippi A&M) shut out their rivals from Ole Miss. One story that followed tells of a funeral parade held after the game to show sympathy for Ole Miss by carrying a coffin, topped with a bulldog pup, down the street. Another story holds that newspaper reports commented on the "bulldog" style of play during the game. Regardless of how it got there, the bulldog became the official mascot in 1935 under the direction of coach Major Ralph Sasse. The original "Bully" was buried under the bench on the 50-yard line. The other noticeable tradition at MSU is the cowbell. Popular legend has it that, during a rivalry game with Ole Miss, a jersey cow wandered onto the field. Mississippi won that game and students adopted the cow as a symbol of good luck. Since the 1950s, cowbells have been a fixture at all MSU games, and many are passed down from generation to generation.

The nickname "Rebels" emerged at **OLE MISS** in 1936. It was suggested by Judge Ben Guider of Vicksburg as one of the top five nicknames, out of some 200 entries, submitted to Southern sportswriters for selection. For many years, Rebels fans took pride in waving their Confederate flags during home games and singing "From Dixie with Love". Mascot, Colonel Reb, characterized an old Southern man with a mustache and cane who gave the image of a plantation owner. In an effort to remove these images from the University's reputation, between 1997 and 2009 these traditions were all discontinued. A lengthy effort to select a new, on-field mascot culminated in 2010 when the Rebel Black Bear made its debut as a mascot that has a Mississippi connection, is appealing to kids, is unique to the SEC and fits the desired image. On gameday, you'll also hear the famous "Hotty Toddy" cheer. In all of our research, we couldn't find an exact origin for it, other than, it started in the 30s.

From the 12th Man and the Yell Leaders to the Corps of Cadets and the Aggie Ring, **TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY** is steeped in tradition. Reveille is called "the First Lady of Aggieland" and is the official mascot of Texas A&M. She is a five-star general, the highest ranking member of the Corps of Cadets. She attends class with the mascot corporal, who is charged with her care, and attends all football games and events on campus. The first Reveille came to A&M in January 1931 when a group of cadets hit a small dog on the road and took her to campus to care for her. She got her name the next morning when she started barking as "Reveille" was played on the bugle. The official Reveille is a purebred female collie and, when she dies, she is buried with full military honors at the north end of Kyle Field so the score of the Aggie game is always visible.